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### Top honors

Holloman Middle School inducted 23 new members into the Holloman chapter of the National Junior Honor Society Tuesday.

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Holloman's St. Patrick's Day Bash coincided this year with the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Airman's Park.

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### Battle dress

The new Airman Battle Uniform is ready for production and will be available by fiscal year 2007. The uniform's "wash and wear" capability is expected to reduce the time and money used to maintain the uniform.

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*Air and Space  
Expeditionary Force  
Tempo*

**As of March 20,  
330 Airmen were  
deployed to  
15 countries  
around the  
world**



Photo by Mr. Tom Fuller

### Final flight

Mr. Bob Aguilar, aircraft mechanic for Lockheed Martin, services the last manned F-4G airframe prior to its final flight at Holloman on March 16. Following the flight, the Det. 1, 82nd Aerial Target Squadron QF-4 was converted to an unmanned drone. (See Pages 12 and 13 for more on the F-4G)

## Cellular phone policy to take effect April 1

by Senior Airman Terri Barriere  
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Beginning April 1, new cell phone restrictions will be in place for vehicle operators on base.

The new policy states vehicle operators on a Department of Defense installation and operators of government-owned vehicles shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked, or unless they are using a hands-free device.

"The new policy will affect anyone operating a vehicle on any DoD installation," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Mills, NCO in charge of police services. "This includes military, civilian employees, contractors and visitors. Signs will be placed at all gates, and a warning will be given to people getting vehicle decals and visitor passes."

Penalties will be in place to discourage drivers from violating the policy.

Penalties include:

- A \$25 fine for civilians
- A \$25 processing fee through the U.S. District Court for civilians
- Three points assessed to the state drivers license for civilian and military drivers

The new policy, however, isn't Air Force specific.

"The Army, Navy and Marines have had this policy in effect for almost a year," said Sergeant Mills. "This brings the Air Force into line with the rest of the DoD."

The 49th Security Forces Squadron is hoping this will be a positive change for the Holloman community.

Sergeant Mills said they are hoping this will benefit the Holloman community by reducing unsafe driving habits, thereby reducing accidents on base.



# A Christmas tree is a Christmas tree

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.)  
Timothy Wagoner  
49th Fighter Wing Chapel

What an eventful year it has been for religious accommodation.

Should we have a "holiday tree" or a "Christmas tree?" Should we display "Christmas cards" or "holiday cards" at the Main Gate? Should we greet one another with "Merry Christmas" or "happy holiday?" Do we invite members of our unit to a "Christmas party" or a "holiday party?"

These and other issues were addressed with an e-mail received this week from General Ronald Keyes, Air Combat Command commander, and a bullet background paper written by the ACC Command Chaplain's Office.

In his e-mail, General Keyes reminded ACC commanders that they should use mutual respect and common sense in planning holiday events: "Whether it is Ramadan, Easter, Kwanzaa, Yom Kippur, or others through the year, there is no prohibition in using traditional terms ... A Christmas Tree is a Christmas tree ..."

Department of Defense Directive 1300.17, Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military Services says one of the basic principles of our nation is free exercise of religion.

The use of a "Christmas" tree and other

faith-specific terms like "Merry Christmas," "Happy Chanukah" and "Happy Ramadan" are now authorized because they are thought to accommodate the free exercise of religion for members of the Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faiths, respectively.

Frankly, this is a departure from recent years when the use of faith-specific terms representing religious diversity in the Air Force were discouraged or even prohibited.

It was thought that religious sensitivity meant not using any faith-specific terms that might offend someone from another faith group. The unintended consequence of this line of reasoning is that instead of offending no one, it offended everyone. It didn't pass the mutual respect and common sense test.

While affirming religious diversity, the recent Revised Interim Guidelines Concerning Free Exercise of Religion in the Air Force (9 Feb 06) also points out that the Air Force must remain officially neutral regarding religious beliefs or lack of religious beliefs.

While affirming the free exercise of religion, we must also be sensitive and affirm those who exercise no religious faith at all. This means that because of the many faith perspectives represented in our squadrons, as well as those who choose not to exercise any religious beliefs

at all — a more inclusive "holiday party" is encouraged. Yet, within that party, it is appropriate to use faith-specific terms in the publicity and remarks.

During the upcoming Holiday Season, why not drive through the main gate and see a festive display of faith-specific greetings that represent the rich diversity of our Airmen and civilians who have found deep spirituality, truth, and holiness in their faith? And why not also include some cards that represent the traditional secular symbols that are part of the season we all enjoy?

What a challenge lying before us. Mutual respect and common sense in all we do.

What about time-off for non-traditional days of worship or holidays? How about voluntary participation in prayer, study, and religious discussions? The guidance for these and similar issues is clear: "Commanders should ensure that requests for religious accommodation are welcomed and ... should be approved unless approval would have a real, not hypothetical, adverse impact on military readiness, unit cohesion, standards, or discipline."

If you have questions about any of the issues raised in this article, or desire clarification about other religious accommodation issues, you are encouraged to contact your chaplain or the base Chapel at 2-7211.

## DUI Update

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|---------------------|----------|
| Days since last DUI | <b>5</b> |
| DUIs this year      | <b>5</b> |
| This week last year | <b>7</b> |

### Last six DUIs

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| • 49th MMS  | Feb. 23 |
| • 49th AMXS | Feb. 19 |
| • 49th MDOS | Feb. 17 |
| • 49th FW   | Jan. 31 |
| • 49th CS   | Dec. 30 |
| • 49th OSS  | Dec. 29 |

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## 572-7500

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If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail [cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil](mailto:cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil).

Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
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| Housing maintenance .....    | 2-7901   |
| Medical clinic .....         | 2-5991   |
| Finance .....                | 2-5107   |
| Services .....               | 2-3528   |
| Commissary .....             | 2-5127   |
| Fraud, waste and abuse ..... | 2-3713   |
| BX .....                     | 479-6164 |



Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski



High: 66  
Low: 34  
TODAY



High: 70  
Low: 38  
SATURDAY



High: 72  
Low: 38  
SUNDAY



High: 74  
Low: 40  
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the  
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight.



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# OSS snags ACC awards

by retired Spc.  
**James Matise**  
*Sunburst staff writer*

The 49th Operations Support Squadron had a blue ribbon year in 2005 and recently snagged numerous unit and individual awards from Air Combat Command and the Air Force.

The 49th OSS Airfield Operations Flight won four ACC Airfield Operations annual awards, tying with Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. for the most awards received, said Tech. Sgt. Nickolette Reynolds, Airfield Management Operations NCO in charge.

Staff Sgt. Michael F. Aponte, 49th OSS air traffic controller, won Air Traffic Controller of the Year.

Sergeant Aponte deployed to Balad, Iraq during Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotations 7 and 8 where he directed counter-fire and mission-essential aircraft launches during more than 80 airfield attacks, expedited more than 50 medical evacuations of more than 100 critically wounded Soldiers and coordinated use of airspace with the Army Fire Support Element for more than 600 artillery strikes on insurgent targets.

Sergeant Aponte synchronized movements of arrivals and departures during the 2005 Holloman Air Show, slashed training times by 25 percent as an on-the-job training instructor while his students maintained a 95 percent average, expedited 18 Life Flight movements through Holloman and reduced critical response time by five minutes, helped prevent \$800,000 worth of damage when an F-117A landed with a wrapped drag chute and handled 35 in-flight emergencies involving both U.S. and German pilots.

Sergeant Aponte was also named Airman Leadership School Class 05-03 distinguished graduate and Leadership Award winner.

Master Sgt. Angela Dowling, 49th OSS NCO in charge of air traffic control training, won the ACC Air Traffic Control Training Achievement Award.

Sergeant Dowling was also last year's Air Force-level winner of the Air Traffic Control Training Achievement Award, said Chief Master Sgt. Sean Stevenson, chief of the Air Force element at White Sands Missile Range.

"She's the center of gravity for air operations at White Sands," Chief Stevenson said. "We're a very training-centered career field and she keeps us moving."

Among her accomplishments, Sergeant Dowling directed daily training across the 60-person training facility, orchestrated training for Roving Sands 2005 at White Sands Missile Range, redesigned a number of evaluation procedures and guides, saved the unit more than \$9,000 in travel expenses and countless research and training hours and identified 264 task items to enhance the training program to ensure 100 percent coverage of critical skill requirements.

She also briefed Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston on air traffic control joint mission training, who said "[the] Army could definitely use your program."

Tech. Sgt. Scott A. Bensberg, 49th OSS air traffic control systems specialist at White Sands Missile Range, won Air Traffic Control Systems Specialist of the Year.

Sergeant Bensberg is primarily responsible for ensuring the air traffic control automated network is functioning properly and the computers are correctly reading and translating incoming radar data. Nominated for the award as a staff sergeant, he is fulfilling a station normally requiring master sergeant training and abilities, Sergeant Stevenson said.

Sergeant Bensberg has also gone beyond his duties and worked extensively with automation system software, including writing software code. He procured a \$30,000 data automation support budget from the Army to improve the automation shop, extracted data recordings and recreated flight path information for accident and safety investigation teams, installed software to

optimize the performance levels of three long-range and four short-range radars and updated or designed 40 air traffic control training simulator scenarios.

"Automations are outside our regular duties," Sergeant Stevenson said. "He's not only met the challenge – he's exceeded it by obtaining this prestigious award."

Mr. Eric P. Martinez, 49th OSS airfield management specialist, won Airfield Management Civilian Technician of the Year.

Mr. Martinez led a 12-member team to manage the complex runway and airfield environment. He conducted 27 briefings, invested 115 hours and trained more than 500 personnel in a record 175 days with no violations, managed 13 construction projects worth \$11.2 million including a no-notice \$55 thousand runway repair project after a fuel spill that allowed the runway to reopen in four days, identified incorrect data on six airfield signs and created the work order to correct discrepancies and was the single focal point for 10 wing agencies during the bed down of the presidential support aircraft.

Mr. Martinez is also a repeat ACC award winner from last year, Sergeant Reynolds said.

The 49th OSS Aircrew Life Support element also was named the 2005 ACC Aircrew Life Support Program of the Year in the large program category.

According to the award nomination, the ALS flight reduced the technician task load by 25 percent and increased product quality by 10 percent per person, created the first-ever group enlisted training program, built a comprehensive unit self-inspection program encompassing more than 1,000 items and refined numerous other procedures that improved efficiency.

In 2005, ALS transformed three "marginal" ratings from the ACC Operational Readiness Inspection to "excellent" marks, increased equipment reliability from 65 percent to 95 percent and received "excellent" ratings across the board during the 2005 ACC ORI.

# Family Support Center ... the dream became reality

by **Dr. Kaye Ekman**  
Counselor

The dream of establishing Air Force Family Support Centers became a reality in the early 1980s. I am proud to say that I played a part in it.

For my Air Force family, it began with yet another move.

This time to Washington, D.C., and a Pentagon tour for my fighter pilot husband, which meant new schools for our four children and my chance to earn a PhD at American University.

Our realtor not only found the perfect home for us in Vienna, Va., but invited me to join a group of women who hoped to

have an impact on the future of Air Force families.

I accepted, and soon found myself sipping coffee in the home of Mrs. Barbara Allen, wife of then Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Lew Allen. As a member of the Spouse Issues Group, we used our meeting times to pool our ideas, complaints, concerns and hopes. From the beginning, we were positive change agents for an idea that grew and would eventually impact Air Force bases, members, and families for decades to come.

Simultaneously, at the Pentagon, Col. Larry Foley was a major force in the Air Force Family Matters office. Although there had just been a conference to identify

needs, it was through the combined efforts of AFFAM and SIG that 300 AF delegates and their spouses, representing all ranks and commands from around the world, were invited to Phase II of the Air Force Family Focus. This second conference was held in September 1981 at Bolling Air Force Base. Here, it was resolved that a Family Support Center would be located at each Air Force base worldwide with the goal of each being a hub for service referral and coordination of base community and communication functions.

I built my PhD dissertation around responses to a "pre-conference" survey, which included personal information, conference expectations, perceived Air Force

priority lists and the Rokeach Value Survey, which compared values of military members and their spouses. Needless to say, significant differences were found in the comparison. My findings were included in an after conference report; data useful for defining the multi-faceted roles of Air Force Family Support Centers.

The idea of offering services and support to the Air Force military member and the family continues to evolve and expand today in bases world-wide. I am proud to have been a part of that dream as it became a reality.

Today, I am a counselor and an educator working for the Bay County Public Schools as well as Troy University.

**S**exual

**A**ssault

**R**esponse

**C**oordinator

**572-6789**

*24-7 response to  
victims of sexual  
assault and  
domestic violence.*

*Briefings held the  
first Wednesday of  
each month at the  
base theater.*

# 49th MDG officials offer tips to prevent STIs

by Tech. Sgt. Kristina Harper  
*Public Health*

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Sexually transmitted infections, once called venereal diseases, are among the most common infectious diseases in the United States today.

More than 20 STIs have been identified and affect more than 13 million men and women in this country each year.

The annual comprehensive cost of STIs in the United States is estimated to be well in excess of \$10 billion.

Understanding the basic facts about STIs; the ways in which they are spread, their common symptoms, and how they can be treated, is the first step toward prevention. It is important to understand five key points about STIs in this country today:

1. STIs affect men and women of all backgrounds and economic levels. They are most prevalent among teenagers and young adults. Nearly two-thirds of all STIs occur in people younger than 25 years of age.

2. The incidence of STIs is rising, partly, because in the last few decades young people have become sexually active

earlier. The net result is that sexually active people today are more liable to have multiple sex partners during their lives and most are at increased risk for developing STIs. The risk of acquiring an STI increases with the number of partners people have had or will have over a lifetime.

3. Very often STIs cause no symptoms, particularly in women. When and if symptoms develop, they may be confused with those of other diseases not transmitted through sexual contact. A person who is infected may be able to pass the disease on to a sex partner.

4. Health problems caused by STIs tend to be more frequent and severe for women than for men, in part because the frequency of asymptomatic infection means that many women do not seek care until serious problems have developed.

- Some STIs can spread into a woman's reproductive organs to cause pelvic inflammatory disease that as a result may cause both infertility and ectopic (tubal) pregnancy, which can be fatal.

- STIs in women also may be associated with cervical cancer.

One STI, human papillomavirus infection, which

causes genital warts also causes cervical and other genital cancers.

- STIs can be passed from a mother to her baby before, during or immediately after birth. Some of these infections can be cured easily, but others may cause a baby to be permanently disabled or even die.

5. When diagnosed and treated early many STIs can be treated effectively. Some infections can not be cured, but may be effectively treated to reduce symptoms. Many STIs have become resistant to the drugs used to treat them and now require newer types of antibiotics.

## **What can you do to prevent STIs?**

The best way to prevent STIs is abstinence. If you decide to be sexually active, there are things that you can do to reduce the risk of developing an STI.

- Have a mutually monogamous (you are only with your partner and your partner is only with you) sexual relationship with an uninfected partner.

- Correctly and consistently use a new condom each and every time you engage in any form of sexual activity.

***See STIs on page 8***

# HMS inducts 23 students into National Junior Honor Society

by retired Spc. James Matise  
*Sunburst staff writer*

The Holloman Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted 23 new members at the middle school Tuesday.

The Holloman NJHS members gathered at the middle school gym for the induction, which featured key speaker Mr. Joe Jarmillo, Alamogordo High School principal. The new inductees were then treated to a reception in the cafeteria, said Ms. Linda Pehr, Holloman’s NJHS advisor.

“[The] total current membership is 51,” Ms. Pehr said. “Our society is made up of sixth, seventh and eighth graders.”

The Holloman NJHS chapter is part of one of the nation’s premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle school students. The NJHS and its high school counterpart, the National Honor Society, honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of academics, leadership, service, character and citizenship.

All Honor Society members are expected to maintain the standards used as the basis for their selection.

Induction in to the NJHS is a high honor for middle school students that goes beyond honor-roll recognition, Ms. Pehr said.

“Every year, we select and evaluate students on scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character,” she said. “In the first step of the process, we review the students’ academic records to identify those who are scholastically eligible for

membership.”

At Holloman, students must attain and hold at least a 3.5 grade point average to be eligible for admittance to the NJHS.

“Those who do are evaluated by the school staff on service, leadership ability and character,” Ms. Pehr said. “It’s a high honor to be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.”

Students inducted into the society are invited to participate in society functions, which include academic opportunities, leadership experiences and service to the community, Ms. Pehr said.

“Members participated in the St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital Math-A-Thon in the fall, provided water for the student body during standardized testing, have wrapped presents at the [Base Exchange] during the holiday and have volunteered at Holloman Primary for their holiday projects,” she said. “Upcoming spring projects include a major beautification project at HMS and annual bake sale to raise funds for next year.”

The Holloman NJHS chapter meets at noon every Tuesday in Room 9 at the middle school.

The NJHS was established in 1929 and has more than 7,000 chapters in more than 75 countries.

According to the NJHS Web Site, the society is “a co-curricular activity that actively supports the educational goals of the school.” The society provides learning experiences and opportunities for members to explore their interests, especially in the five categories of membership.

*The following  
Holloman Middle  
School students  
were inducted into  
the National  
Junior Honor  
Society Tuesday*

**6th grade**

Kaitlin Aleshire  
Spencer Cusson  
Lauren Davis  
Kelly Hainline  
Kassie Hart  
Hunter Hinman  
Kacie Hollenbaugh  
Morgan Knehans  
Molly Preisch  
Tiffiane Priester  
Elizabeth Williams

**7th grade**

Amber Benoit  
Jennifer Dawson  
Charles Hawkins  
Brittany Janson  
Joan Magdaleno  
Ashley Priester  
Kayleigh Schreyer  
Michelle Yun

**8th grade**

Matthew Arnold  
Tyree Bocclair  
Britany Dominguez  
Emiliano Magdaleno

*Farewell dinner  
for*

*Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski and Mrs. Linda Cichowski*

*6 p.m. April 7*

*Oasis Enlisted Club*

*\$13.95 for members, \$15.95 for non-members*

*Contact unit first sergeants for tickets by Wednesday*



# Sunburst print day, deadlines to change

Beginning April 6, the *Sunburst* will be delivered on Thursday mornings instead of Friday.

The *Alamogordo Daily News* is moving from afternoon circulation to morning circulation later this year, adding a level of complication to the printing and production schedule at the *Las Cruces Sun-News* where the *Sunburst* is printed. As a result the *Sunburst* will be printed on Wednesday night, which has a more flexible print schedule, and will be delivered on Thursday instead of Friday.

“By moving *Sunburst* back a day, it will help us ensure efficient and timely production and delivery of the *Sunburst*,” said Mr. Richard Coltharp, *Alamogordo Daily News* publisher.

Mr. Coltharp said he doesn’t anticipate this transformation will have a dramatic affect on the Holloman community, but in fact would be a positive change for the community.

“We anticipate the change will help the *Sunburst* be a better week-end planning guide for readers and shoppers, giving them an extra day ahead of the weekend,” he said.

While this isn’t the first time the *Sunburst* will be published on a Thursday, this is the first time the Public Affairs Office will switch the paper over to a Thursday publication permanently. *(Staff report)*

## New submission guidelines

Submissions to the *Sunburst* are due by close of business Wednesday, one week prior to the expected publication date, and classified ads are due by noon Monday one week prior.

Submissions may be e-mailed to [49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil](mailto:49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil) or brought to building 29, suite 2800. Submissions to the *Sunburst* must include: event title, date, time, place, a brief description of the event, the first and last names, rank and a phone number or e-mail address for contact information.

Meeting the deadlines does not guarantee that information will run. All information must be edited before being published, and submissions run on a priority, space-available basis.

## STIs *continued from page 5*

**Anyone who is sexually active should:**

- Have regular checkups for STIs even when you don’t have symptoms, especially if having sex with a new partner. These tests can be done during a routine visit to the doctor’s office.

- Learn the common symptoms of STIs. Seek medical help if any suspicious symptoms develop, even if they are mild.

**Anyone diagnosed as having an STI should:**

- Be treated to reduce the risk of passing along the STI.

- Notify all recent sex partners and urge getting a checkup.

- Follow doctor’s orders and take all medication prescribed as directed.

- Avoid all sexual activity while you and your partner are

being treated for an STI.

Most STIs are readily treated and the earlier a person seeks treatment and warns sex partners about the disease, the less likely the disease will cause long-term physical damage, spread to others or in the case of women, be passed on to a newborn baby.

It is up to each individual to learn more about STIs and then make choices about how to minimize the risk of acquiring these diseases and spreading them to others.

Knowledge of STIs, as well as honesty and openness with sex partners and with one’s doctor, can be very important in reducing the incidence and complications of sexually transmitted infections.

For additional information call Public Health at 572-3306/1859.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Stanton



## *Senior Airman Tomeka Jones 49th Aeromedical Dental Squadron*

**Duty title:** dental assistant journeyman

program offered through the Air Force and become a hygienist.

**Time in service:** two years, 10 months

**Time at Holloman:** two years, six months

**Hometown:** Kennett, Mo.

**Personal and career goals:** I plan to get accepted into the Dental Hygiene

**Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?** Serving in the Air Force is important to me because there are some things in life that must be defended. We serve to protect and defend our country, freedom and democracy. It is remarkable to be a part of a team who comes to the rescue when the world needs them.

**What is the highlight of your Holloman tour?** The highlights of my tour are completing and earning my Community College of the Air Force degree and being Holloman's Dental Airman of the Year for 2004 and 2005.

**What is your favorite quote?** "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."  
— *Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell*

**Core value portrayed:** "Service before Self – Airman Jones always tends put her patient's needs before her own. She hopes to join the St. Petersburg Class of 2006-2007 hygiene program and enthusiastically strives for a better future with the Air Force."

— **Lt. Col. Glenn L. Terry**  
*49th ADOS commander*



# Woman of Merit

*I  
nominate ...  
Ms. Sugin  
Musgrave*



My wife, Sugin “Sue” Faith Musgrave, was born June 17, 1975, into a family of negative behaviors.

Sue grew up being told most days that she would never amount to anything. Despite growing up with learning difficulties and family conflict, Sue has achieved many goals and self sacrificed for countless others.

After quitting high school at age 16 and becoming pregnant at 18, Sue set a goal of obtaining her GED and starting her own business by her 25th birthday.

She accomplished this goal well ahead of schedule despite working two jobs and running her own in-home day care business.

Furthermore, Sue co-founded a military support group called “Operation We Do Care” a not-for-profit organization with a goal of people showing support peacefully without aggressiveness in the streets.

The group’s goal is to have people learn from the past and show all military members, past and present, they are not forgotten. Operation We Do Care is an all volunteer run organization.

To date, Sue has volunteered over 7,500 hours. Mostly doing it alone, she has campaigned for donations, rallied with various family readiness groups to sponsor blood drives, wrote a children’s educational story and brought the Arbor Day foundation to children of deployed members.

Sue has also baked more than 12,000 cookies

for annual cookie drives, packed over 250 care packages and procured 200,000+ phone minutes that supplied over 13,250 military members a phone call home keeping the members in touch with their families.

In four months’ time, Sue drove to eight states, totaling more than 12,500 miles, to rally in front of Wal-Mart stores, campaigning for the troops and veterans.

Sue also brought organizations together working for the same cause to get the full effect with fewer endeavors.

On four occasions, while networking on-line in various chat rooms, Sue has picked up on subtle hints that individuals were about to commit suicide; she stopped what she was doing and called the appropriate personnel to stop that from happening.

What keeps Sue busy today is the newly-formed Working Out Women program at Holloman.

Sue spearheaded this program by organizing a meeting with staff members of the Health and Wellness Center, Sports & Fitness Center and the Airman and Family Readiness Center to create a healthier lifestyle for Holloman women.

Sue continues every day to envision new ideas that will better the lives of her neighbors.

Please accept these facts as our nomination of Sugin Faith Musgrave as one of Holloman’s Women of Merit. *(Nominated by Staff Sgt. James Musgrave)*

# Airman’s Park opens to St. Patrick’s Day bash



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

(Above) Airmen 1st Class Lawrence Azarelo, left, and Tony Roessner, both 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, go at it during a joust competition at the St. Patrick’s Day Bash. (Right) Airman 1st Class Josh Pate, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron, shows off his skills on the new basketball court at Airman’s Park. In addition to the basketball court, the park also has a volleyball court, horse shoe pit, gas grill and a pavilion.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart



Photo by Airman 1st Class Russell Scalf

From left to right, Mr. Charles Hester, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron, Airman Basic Paulo Fernandes, 49th CES, Col. David Moore 49th Fighter Wing vice commander, and Senior Airman Adam Armstrong, Airman’s Council president, take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony at Airman’s Park March 17.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

Airman 1st Class James McFalling, 49th CES, spins on the turntables at the 2nd Annual St. Patrick’s Day Bash.

### Car seats

The Alamogordo Department of Public Safety will hold a car seat clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday behind Fire Station #7 at Indian Wells Road and Washington Avenue in Alamogordo.

DPS will ensure car seats are properly installed, in good condition and not on a factory recall list. Most car seats found not meeting standards are replaced free of charge.

DPS also needs six to eight volunteers to write down findings during the inspections. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Brian Mills at 572-1129.

### Arnold Avenue

Arnold Avenue is closed from First Street to just west of Clifrose Street. No left turns are allowed on Arnold Avenue.

School operations and Desert Estates residents will be impacted the most and people should take precautions in the construction zone. Housing occupants will use Sumac Street as the only entrance and exit. Student drop off and pick up will be at the thoroughfare off Arizona Avenue.

Please use extra caution and patience in the work area. Estimated completion date for the project is early April. For more information, contact Ms. Lesalee Arana at 572-7754.

### Scholarships

The Aerospace Education Foundation has 30 scholarships available, each for \$1,000, for active duty Air Force spouses. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university and hold a 3.5 or higher grade point average. A two-page, double-spaced essay describing academic and career goals and what motivated the applicant to this decision is required.

Also required are two letters of recommendation, which should be character references and descriptions of performance and potential as a student, employee or volunteer.

Applications are available on the Web at [www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp](http://www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp) or at the Base Training and Education Office. Application deadline is April 15. For more

information, call 572-3971.

### Education survey

In order for the Base Education Office to add new degree programs to those already offered on base, a comprehensive needs assessment must be completed. This assessment will reveal what new programs Holloman members would like to see offered on base.

To complete the survey, go to <https://afvec.langley.af.mil> and click on “take the survey.” On the next page in the “participate” box, scroll down the list of bases to Holloman, click and begin answering the 10 questions. The survey will be active until April 8. For more information, call the Education Office at 572-3971.

### Second Street Closure

Holloman leadership takes the safety of its drivers and roadways very seriously. Due to the increased traffic on Arizona Avenue, the intersection of Second Street and Arizona has become an area of concern. We recognized the increased hazard of vehicles entering Arizona from Second Street due to the driver’s view being blocked by the Child Development Center playground wall.

Several options were considered to correct this problem. The Traffic Safety Working Group evaluated the options and recommended the permanent closure of Second St. for commander approval.

Access to the CDC will remain via New Mexico Avenue. Additionally, all parking lots and driveways will still be accessible from Second Street. The project to close the street and landscape the area is expected to be complete by April 20.

This project increases vehicular safety for the base populous and is an integral part of ongoing traffic safety and road improvements at Holloman AFB. Furthermore, it will improve the drainage of the area and reduce potential accidents resulting from poor visibility. Personnel are encouraged to report any potential traffic hazards through appropriate avenues; which will be sent to the TSWG for evaluation and commander approval.



## BRIEFS

### ITT

Information, Tickets and Travel is now at the Whispering Sands Community Center. This program offers discounted tickets to active duty and retired military members for vacation spots such as Walt Disney World, Disneyland, Sea World and many other locations.

For more information, call Ms. Linda Aguirre at 572-7476.

### J.R. Rockers

The new hours of operation for J.R. Rockers are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays. J.R. Rockers will be close on Sundays, holidays and family days.

### Adventure program

Outdoor Recreation is calling all E-4s and below to get involved in planning and organizing trips. Some programs are already being planned, but volunteers are needed to help in the decision-making process. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369.

### Lumpia sale

The Middle Two Council will host a Lumpia sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 in the chapel annex. Cost is \$0.50 for one and \$9 for 20. Sales are by pre-order only. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Reny Nunag at 572-5574 or Tech. Sgt. Cherie Hill at 572-7375.

### Discovery Center

Visit the Discovery Center in the Airman and Family Readiness Center and use the computers to write a resume, take a typing test, surf the internet or just e-mail a friend. Let the kids use the learning toys, tools and games.

### Auto Skills Center

This month at the Auto Skills Center discounted professional air conditioning services will be offered. Bring over a POV and receive A/C service for only \$3.75 per oz. of R-12, \$.75 per oz. of R-134A and \$40 for labor. For more information, call 572-7438.

### Change in hours

In order to serve you better, the Base Training and Education Office is enforcing walk-in hours and appointment times. Appointments should be arranged daily from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Other walk-in traffic is encouraged during the morning hours from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Customers should sign in when entering the reception area to ensure quick service. Customers may also go to the Virtual Education Center on the Air Force portal for tuition assistance forms. For more information or appointments, call 572-3971.

### Mypay website

As a reminder, the MyPay Web site address is <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. It has recently been advised that there are look-a-like Web sites being developed to make people think they are accessing official sites, including the MyPay Web site. These sites request personal information that, if provided, could cause a variety of problems for the members.

There are also sites that use the words "MyPay" as part of their Web address. While they may be legitimate business concerns, they are not in any way affiliated with DFAS and MyPay.

The following are a few sites that use MyPay in their address.

- A. [www.mypay.com](http://www.mypay.com)
- B. [www.mypay.se/indexen.html](http://www.mypay.se/indexen.html)
- C. [www.mypaysolutions.com/](http://www.mypaysolutions.com/)

### Wine tasting

The Class 6 and Officer's Club will host a special evening of wine and hors d'oeuvres. Come and sample wines from New Mexico and around the world from 5:30 p.m. to 9p.m. March 31 in the Officers' Club ballroom. This event is open to all ranks. Attendees must be 21 or older. Cost is \$10 per person at the door.

### HOSC Thrift Shop

The HOSC thrift shop will close Tuesday and Thursday for Spring Break.

Normal hours of operation for the thrift shop are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to noon only. To prevent theft, people with large donations

are asked to bring them by during operating hours or call 479-0529 to arrange for a time to drop the items off. For more information, call 479-1585.

### Luncheon

All Holloman personnel are invited to attend the upcoming Women's History Month luncheon and fashion show 11 a.m. March 31 in the Enlisted Club ballroom. Cost is \$6.50 for members and \$8.50 for nonmembers. Menu will include either veggie or club wrap. People are asked to R.S.V.P. no later than today. For more information, call Ms. Patti Ren at 572-7826.

### Book Talk

6 p.m. April 4 at the base library. Celebrate National Library week with Virginia A. Tepfer, author of *Chamizal: Territory – War – Statehood*. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 572-3939.

### HESO Scholarship

The Holloman Enlisted Spouses' Organization will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to eligible recipients.

Applicants must be a spouse or dependent of an active duty or retired military member, or a DoD employee. Scholarships are for the 2006-2007 school year. Applications will be available at the education office and can also be accessed via the web at [www.geocities.com/hesoweb/scholarship.htm](http://www.geocities.com/hesoweb/scholarship.htm). Applications must be postmarked by June 1.

### Working Out Woman

The Working Out Woman program meets at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are no fees and children are welcome to accompany parents.

For more information on how this program works, please call Ms. Sue Musgrave at 479-9680.

### Frog and Toad

A Year with Frog and Toad will show at 7:30 p.m. today, Saturday, March 31 and April 1 at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo. Cost is \$7 per ticket and tickets are available at Information, Tickets and Travel. For more information, call 437-2202.

# News from the housing front

## *Private developers scheduled to take the reins by October*

Holloman's military family housing is expected to be turned over to a private developer by October under an Air Combat Command grouped housing privatization project.

Under this housing privatization project, housing units at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. and Holloman will be turned over to a private developer that will be selected through a competitive bid process. That developer will then be responsible to operate and maintain, upgrade and renovate existing housing units that are considered substandard and in the case of Holloman, build at least 540 new housing units.

The housing privatization project has been on a fast pace schedule for the past year. The efforts of this work are now starting to pay dividends. Developers' proposals, on the approximately \$200 million

project, were received March 1, 2006 and are being evaluated by an acquisition support team (ACC, AFCEE, and each base). This team is tasked to review developers' proposals and recommend the best-value developer. Once the team's recommendation is approved, the contract will be awarded in October.

The developer selected will own the homes but the government will continue to own the land they sit on and will provide it to the developer under a 50-year lease.

The developer will have seven years to complete the project, but expectations are that developers will take less time to bring all housing units up to current building

standards.

In addition to constructing new housing units, the developer will demolish 817 units. Minor to major renovation of all 495 remaining units will also take place during this transition period.

The housing project may incorporate community features such as clubhouses,

tennis courts, walking paths and sports fields. The success of the project is based on a long-term commitment between the Air Force and the private developer. Once the contract is signed, Holloman will quickly see the developer's efforts to begin demolition and new construction of housing units.



Courtesy photo

**This home, completed in 2005, will be the vision of the future for all new homes under the base housing privatization plan at Holloman.**

# Air Force moves

Across

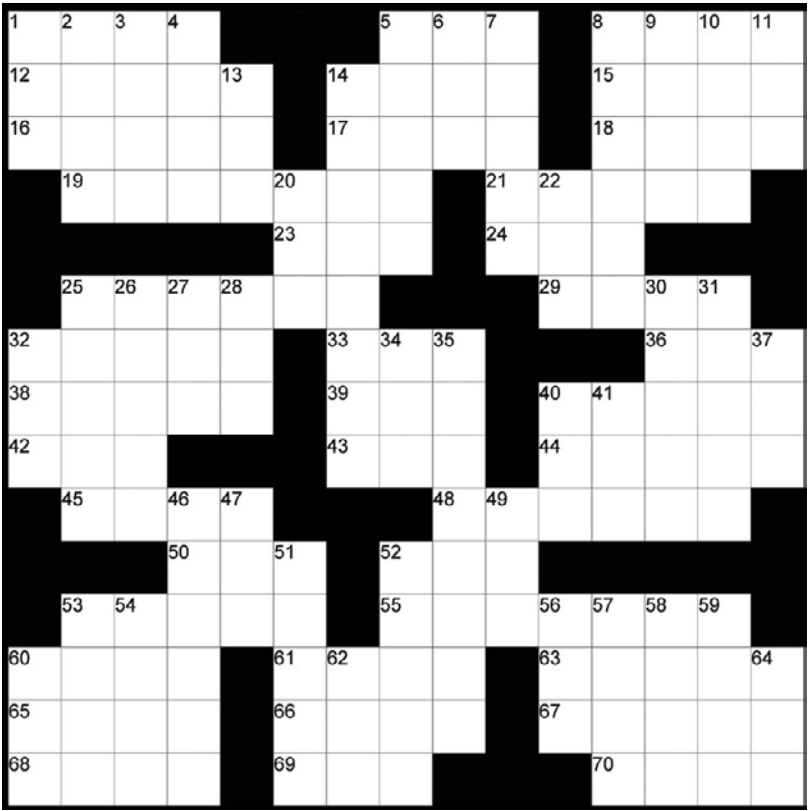
- 1. Small lake
- 5. Nickname for only General of the Air Force
- 8. WWII mil. vehicle
- 12. Slither
- 14. Rope with weights attached
- 15. Major or minor
- 16. House hunting or delay en route entitlement
- 17. Mil. quick
- 18. Type of reimbursable HHG movement
- 19. Non-temporary \_\_\_\_; paid holding of HHG while at austere base
- 21. Detached
- 23. Tiger’s org.
- 24. Oriental metal pan
- 25. California mount
- 29. USAF org. who handles flights, reservations
- 32. New Zealand native
- 33. Breach
- 36. TV show “Monk” title character disease
- 38. Grads
- 39. Federal org. concerned with ecology
- 40. Cut up

- 42. Original computer operating system, in short
- 43. USAF PME
- 44. Stateside base designation
- 45. Dodge vehicle
- 48. Black eye
- 50. Yanks’ Civil War opponent
- 52. Health spot
- 53. Emblem
- 55. Temporary expense allowance at stateside base (up to 10 days)
- 60. Colorless
- 61. Row
- 63. Nonchalant
- 65. Scent
- 66. Restore
- 67. Stare with malice
- 68. Where pets must go before PCS
- 69. Bark sharply
- 70. Cast off

Down

- 1. AAA league
- 2. Mining goals
- 3. Tidy
- 4. 80s band
- 5. Hebrew prophet
- 6. Maxwell AFB St.
- 7. SE deciduous tree

- 8. Japanese fighter
- 9. 2000 film \_\_\_\_ Brockovich
- 10. 10th Cen. Renaissance Italian noble family
- 11. Advance \_\_\_\_; up to 3 months for PCS personnel
- 13. Each
- 14. Accompanied and unaccompanied; TMO shipped items
- 20. Inclined
- 22. \_\_ Angeles
- 25. Boutique
- 26. Primary concern during PCS
- 27. Appendage
- 28. Sib
- 30. Metric weight
- 31. Happen
- 32. Angry
- 34. Overseas mil. address
- 35. Necessary item if PCS-ing overseas
- 37. \_\_\_\_ Moines
- 40. AT&T competitor
- 41. Charged particle
- 46. Must item before setting PCS appointments
- 47. Pos. opposite



- 49. Owned
- 51. Seamstress Ross
- 52. Doze
- 53. Commanded
- 54. Much
- 56. Joke
- 57. Trouble
- 58. Ark builder

- 59. 2000 presidential candidate
- 60. Overseas basing shipping entitlement
- 62. Ain’t \_\_ shame
- 64. G-man

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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from March 14 to Tuesday:

## Tickets issued

Nine tickets were issued: four for failure to stop, four for failure to signal and one for no vehicle registration.

## Civilian arrests

- March 14: An NCO was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for a domestic violence incident reported March 13 in Alamogordo.

- March 21: Security Forces assisted the Otero County District Attorney's Office and the New

Mexico Department of Public Safety with serving an arrest warrant on a dependent for 23 counts of worthless checks. The dependent was jailed in lieu of a \$115,000 bond.

- March 22: An Airman was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for disorderly conduct at Chili's Restaurant in Alamogordo. The Airman was jailed in lieu of a \$500 bond.

## Property loss, damage or theft

- March 14: A civilian reported a steel bollard had been damaged on Fourth Street adjacent to dormitory 337.

- March 15: An NCO reported a possible hit-and-run causing minor damage to a personally-owned vehicle at the Holloman Primary School.

- March 19: A civilian reported a burglary and theft at the Base Exchange. The civilian reported ceiling tiles had been shifted in the men's bathroom and at the entrance to the facility. Further investigation revealed an alarm activation had occurred at 9:03 p.m. the night before. One Game Boy Micro system and one Playstation game were missing.

- March 20: An Airman reported he had backed into a speed limit sign with a government vehicle in the arm/de-arm area.

## Patrol response

- March 15: An Airman reported an NCO had passed her the wrong authentication number upon attempting to gain access to an alarm point at building 1063. Investigation revealed the NCO was using an authentication letter that had expired March 14 but was authorized by the new authentication letter.

- March 15: An NCO reported another NCO had cut his finger at building 286. The injured NCO was transported by a friend to the base clinic.

- March 15: A civilian reported a minor accident involving two personally-owned vehicles at the intersection of First Street and New Mexico Avenue.

- March 16: An Airman reported a civilian had passed out at building 1179. The civilian was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.

- March 16: A civilian reported receiving an unusual phone call. The caller, a civilian from Alamogordo, alleged the government was trying to control her and make her hear things.

- March 16: An NCO reported a fire alarm was going off in an aircraft hangar. No visible signs of a fire were detected upon arrival and it was determined someone had accidentally struck the alarm and caused it to activate.

- March 16: A dependent reported a domestic assault on Travis Loop.

- March 20: A civilian reported her husband, also a civilian, was

having difficulty breathing at a campground in Tucumcari, N.M. Security Forces relayed the call to Tucumcari authorities who said they would respond.

- March 20: A civilian reported a minor dependent was having seizures at building 605. The dependent was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.

- March 21: An Airman reported someone was in his backyard looking into his window on Mora Loop. Security Forces attempted to challenge an unknown male at the intersection of Santa Fe and Catron Loop and the male fled on foot. The suspect managed to evade Security Forces after a foot pursuit. Security Forces later found the suspect had also turned on an exterior water faucet at a residence on Dona Ana Court.

- March 22: An NCO requested a health and welfare check on a junior NCO who had failed to report to duty. Security Forces visited the absent NCO's residence. After failing to get any response from the residence, Security Forces entered the residence and found the absent NCO asleep.

# Airman Battle Uniform finalized

by Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – The new Airman Battle Uniform is ready for production and will be available in fiscal year 2007, said the Air Force deputy chief of staff of personnel.

Many factors were considered in developing the final uniform selection, with the concern for Airmen being at the top of the list, said Brig. Gen Robert R. Allardice.

“We were looking for a uniform that would be easier to maintain,” he said. “We wanted to provide a uniform that the Airman wouldn’t need to spend a lot of out-of-pocket expenses to maintain.”

Also, Airmen’s feedback throughout the process was beneficial in adding new pockets on the uniform.

“We listened to the Airmen’s request where they wanted pockets to hold small tools and when they wear body armor the existing shirt pockets are not accessible or usable,” General Allardice said. “It will have the four pockets on the front of the shirt, and also a small pencil pocket on the left forearm and two pockets on the lower legs. In addition, inside the side pockets and inside of the breast pockets there will be smaller sewn-in pockets to hold small tools, flashlights or cell phones.”

The new uniform design is a pixilated tiger stripe with four soft earth tones consisting of tan, grey,

green and blue.

The ABU will have a permanent crease and will be offered in 50-50 nylon-cotton blend permanent press fabric eliminating the need for winter and summer weight uniforms.

**Will the new ABU need to be starched and pressed?**

“Absolutely not,” he said. “Our uniform requirement is we want a uniform that you wash, pull it out of the dryer, and wear it. This requirement meets the ease and cost effectiveness needs in maintaining a uniform.”

He speaks from personal experience and added that in the long run it will save Airmen money on dry cleaning costs.

“I tested this uniform. I wash it, take it right out of the dryer and wear it,” General Allardice said.

“We don’t want people putting an iron to it.”

The fit of the uniform was also a concern for Airmen.

“Were making them available in more sizes to fit the body better,” he said. “We’ve taken

the time to produce more sizes and tailored them for men and women.” Some other ABU accessory items:

- A tan T-shirt will be worn; Airmen will be required to maintain one tan T-shirt with an Air Force logo on the front and Air Force written on the back.

- Suede cowhide boots in matching green-gray color; like the desert boot these will be polish-free and available in men’s and women’s sizes.

- The word color for the name, U.S. Air Force, and rank is midnight blue; nametapes and rank insignia background will be tan and will be sewn on using a matching tan color thread.

- The ABU adopts the battle dress uniform hat style for primary use and the floppy hat design will be used in some deployed areas.

“This is the uniform of the future,” General Allardice said. “Eventually when enough of these uniforms are manufactured, we will phase out the BDU and desert combat uniforms.”

The current projected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is fiscal year 2011.

The only thing that needs to be determined is if patches will be worn and the Air Force chief of staff will make that determination soon, General Allardice said.

– (AFPN)



## Holloman Salutes

Congratulations to the following  
Women of Merit nominees:



Ms. Doris Berry

Ms. Mary Beth Nassef

Ms. Barbara Hensley

Ms. Beth Gaudlip

Staff Sgt. Karen Stephens

Ms. Carolyn Peeler

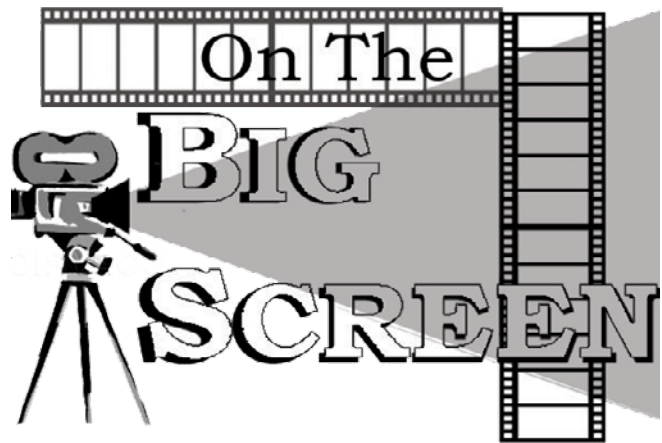
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Chapel services

**Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.  
**Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.  
• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
• Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.



- When a Stranger Calls (PG-13)**  
6 p.m. Friday
- Final Destination 3 (R)**  
6 p.m. Saturday
- Something New (PG-13)**  
6 p.m. Sunday
- Something New (PG-13)**  
6 p.m. Wednesday